UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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| v. |) | Crim. No. 05-cr-10004 PBS |
| OLEKSIY SHARAPKA |) | FILED UNDER SEAL |
| Defendant. | í | |

GOVERNMENT'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S SEALED MOTION TO DISMISS THE SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT

Defendant OLEKSIY SHARAPKA has moved this Honorable Court to dismiss the Superseding Indictment pending against him in this case. Defendant submitted a written motion to the Court citing two grounds for the dismissal: 1) Defendant understood, based on an alleged conversation with his then attorney George Gormley, that the Government had agreed not to file a superseding indictment if the defendant agreed to proffer; and 2) that the aggravated identity theft charges in Superseding Indictment, violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1028A, are invalid because the course of conduct that led to the possession and use of the stolen identity information began before the statute was enacted. The Court rejected both of these claims orally, noting that the alleged oral representation is legally invalid (even assuming that it occurred) because the written proffer agreement contains an integration clause, and that 18 U.S.C. §1028A applies because conduct in violation of the statute occurred after the statute's effective date, regardless of the fact that some other related conduct may have also occurred before the effective date of the statute. Because both of these arguments were previously rejected by the Court, they are not addressed further in this memorandum.

Though it is not mentioned in defendant's written motion, during the course of orally

arguing the motion, defendant also stated a third ground for dismissal of the Superseding Indictment. This unwritten, third claim amounts to a generalized, unsupported allegation that the Government made derivative use of some (unidentified) information obtained as a result of the proffer agreement to secure the Superseding Indictment. The defendant has refused to provide any detail as to what evidence obtained directly or indirectly as a result of the proffer agreement he alleges the Government used improperly.

Defendant's claim is barred by the proffer agreement, in which the Government specifically reserved the right to make derivative use of any information obtained during the proffer against the defendant and the defendant specifically waived any right to a hearing on this issue. Moreover, even had the defendant not waived the right to the hearing he now requests, there is no factual basis for his claim. As described in more detail below, nothing the defendant said pursuant to the proffer agreement was presented to the Grand Jury, nor did the Government use any of the information provided by the defendant to obtain any information presented to the Grand Jury.

I. The Proffer Agreement Specifically Excluded the Claim the Defendant Now Asserts

The Proffer Agreement signed by the defendant, a copy of which is attached to this

motion as Exhibit 1, specifically excluded the claim he now asserts. Paragraph two of the proffer
agreement states as follows:

The government may make derivative use of, or may pursue any investigative leads suggested by, any statements made or other information provided by Sharapka in the course of the proffer. Any evidence directly or indirectly derived from the proffer may be used against him and others in any criminal case or other proceeding. This provision is necessary in order to eliminate the possibility of a hearing at which the government would have to prove that the evidence it would introduce is not tainted by any statements made or other information provided during the proffer. See Kastigar v.

United States, 406 U.S. 441 (1972). (Emphasis added).

As the bolded language above makes clear, the government specifically reserved the right to make derivative use of any information provided pursuant to the proffer agreement against the defendant. By signing this agreement, the defendant specifically "eliminate[d] the possibility" of a <u>Kastigar</u> hearing. Nevertheless, defendant now seeks just such a hearing.

This provision has been a standard paragraph in US Attorney proffer agreements in this District and others for well over 15 years. See, e.g., United States v. Nemetz, 1987 WL 17543 (D. Mass 1987) (unpublished opinion) (quoting a District of Massachusetts proffer agreement signed in the mid-1980's containing substantially the same provision); United States v. Threw, 861 F2d 1046 (7th Cir. 1988) (quoting a Central District of Illinois proffer agreement signed in the mid-1980's containing substantially the same provision).

Proffer agreements are contracts describing the scope of immunity between the Government and an individual who is providing information to the Government. As the Supreme Court has noted, prosecutors may condition cooperation discussions on proffer agreements that requires the defendant to waive certain key rights. <u>United States v. Mezzanatto</u>, 513 U.S. 196 (1995). The Supreme Court noted the importance of allowing prosecutors broad discretion in defining the terms of proffer immunity:

Prosecutors may be especially reluctant to negotiate without a waiver agreement during the early states of a criminal investigation, when prosecutors are searching for leads and suspects may be willing to offer information in exchange for some form of immunity or leniency in sentencing.... Because prosecutors have limited resources and must be able to answer sensitive questions about the credibility of the testimony they receive before entering into any sort of cooperation agreement, prosecutors may condition cooperation discussions on an agreement that the testimony provided may be used for impeachment purpose.

Id at 205, internal quotations and citations omitted.

In Mezzanatto, the Supreme Court addressed the use of defendant's statement during a proffer in subsequent cross-examination of the defendant. However, the logic of Mezzanatto applies even more strongly to the issue before the Court in this case. If derivative use of defendants' statements were not allowed, and if defendants were routinely allowed to seek Kastigar hearings after proffer agreements, defendants in every case would simply assert that statements in the proffer were used (or might be used) in the upcoming trial, and then force the Government to attempt to prove that this information was known to the Government before the proffer. In other words, by merely reiterating information already known to the Government under the guise of giving a proffer, a defendant would create the presumption that the Government's evidence was tainted. Under those conditions, prosecutors would be very reluctant to enter into proffer agreements at all.

Courts have found that provision in a proffer agreement allowing the Government to make derivative use of the defendant's proffered statements are binding on defendants. For example, the Fourth Circuit, in an unpublished opinion, found a defendant bound by a <u>Kastigar</u> waiver virtually identical to the one at issue in the instance case:

[Defendant's] statements were not used against him as direct evidence. The proffer agreement gave the Government the right to use that statement derivatively. As the Government was permitted to use the statements derivatively and the Government did not violate the proffer agreement or any evidentiary privileges, no <u>Kastigar</u> hearing was required because it was not necessary to determine if the Government could the use the statements derivatively.

United States v. Breeden, 149 Fed.Appx. 197, 204 (4th Cir. 2005) (unpublished opinion).

Similarly, in <u>United States v. Heatley</u>, 39 F.Supp.2d 287 (S.D.N.Y. 1998), Judge

Sotomayor found that a defendant was not entitled to a Kastigar hearing to determine if the Government made derivative use of proffer statements to obtain a superseding indictment against him because the proffer agreement, like the agreement in the instant case, specifically allowed the Government to use the statements in this way. This necessarily precluded a claim that the Government had made improper derivative use of the proffered information.

The Eight Circuit considered a related issue, and also rejected a claim that a Kastigar hearing was required notwithstanding specific language in a plea agreement allowing the Government to use information obtained during the proffer against the defendant in United States v. Ziesman, 409 F.3d 941 (8th Cir. 2005). In Ziesman, the court found that it was proper for the Grand Jury to consider testimony given by a defendant pursuant to a proffer agreement in considering a superseding indictment charging that defendant with related events that occurred after the date the proffer agreement was signed because the proffer agreement stated that the defendant's statements could be used against him for crimes occurring after the date of the agreement. The Court held that even though these statements were used directly against the defendant (his actual testimony was relied on by the Grand Jury) no violation occurred because the scope of the immunity had been limited by the terms of the proffer agreement:

Ziesman contends that the Government should have been required to prove [pursuant to Kastigar that all its evidence against him was derived from legitimate independent sources, rather than from his cooperation pursuant to the proffer agreement. However, the instant case is removed from the rule of Kastigar by the specific language of the proffer agreement.

Id at 949, Footnote 1.

Because the proffer agreement in this case clearly states that the Government is allowed to make derivative use of the information obtained in the proffer, and because the defendant

specifically waived any right he might have had to a Katigar hearing, defendant's motion should be denied regardless of the source of the information presented to the Grand Jury.

II. The Defendant Did Not Provide Any Information in the Proffer Relevant to the Superseding Indictment that Was Presented to the Grand Jury or Used to Find Information Presented to the Grand Jury:

SHARAPKA talked to the Government pursuant to the proffer agreement on three separate occasions, January 31, 2005, February 14, 2005, and May 26, 2005. The content of each of these proffers was recorded by FBI Special Agent Christopher Geary in three reports, which are attached to this memorandum as Exhibits 2-4 respectively. None of the information contained in any of these proffers was presented to the Grand Jury, nor was any information in the proffers used to obtain information presented to the Grand Jury. In fact, each of these proffers related to matters that were either unrelated to the Superseding Indictment or were already known to the Government, as discussed in more detail below.

January 31, 2005 Proffer Session, Exhibit 2:

Special Agent Geary prepared a six page report, attached as Exhibit 2, recording the content of defendant's proffer on January 31, 2005. The first four paragraphs on page one of the report consists entirely of background information about the proffer and about the defendant. Nothing in any of these paragraphs, other than the defendant's address (which was the site of his arrest), is even remotely relevant to the Superseding Indictment, nor was it referenced during the Grand Jury testimony that led to the Superseding Indictment. The final paragraph on page one discusses SHARAPKA's move to Atlanta, and the beginning of his criminal conduct there. These events predate the Superseding Indictment and are not relevant to it.

Pages two, three, and the first half of page four deal with SHARAPKA's illegal activity

in Atlanta, and the activities of other individuals in various locations. None of this information is related to any count in the Superseding Indictment, and it was not referred to before the Grand Jury. The second half of page four records SHARAPKA's statements about his flight from Atlanta to Boston and his activities in Boston. This constituted no more than SHARAPKA's retelling of the information he provided to the Boston Police Department and FBI in his confessions made shortly after his arrest (and months prior to his entering into proffer agreement). Documents recording the defendant's statements in November 2004 to the Boston Police Department and the FBI are attached as Exhibits 5 and 6, respectively.

On page five, SHARAPKA describes the activities of several co-conspirators, and others involved in Internet fraud. The only information contained on page five that is relevant to the Superseding Indictment is Sharapka's statement in paragraph four that he used the aliases Alex Yannos (sic), Andrew Schamkoff and/or Andrew Schankoff to receive merchandise. However, SHARAPKA made the same admission to the FBI when it interviewed him after he waived his Miranda rights on November 7, 2004, two month before the proffer agreement. See Exhibit 6, Page 1, Paragraph 3 and Page 3, Paragraph 2.

The remainder of page five and all of page six relate to the alleged activities of other individuals, and are not relevant to the Superseding Indictment. This information was not told to Grand Jury.

B. February 14, 2005 Proffer Session, Exhibit 3:

The entire four pages of the February 14, 2005 proffer consists of SHARAPKA's discussions of the activities of other individuals who are not named or referenced in the Superseding Indictment and were not referred to in the Grand Jury testimony that led to the

Superseding Indictment. The only information even remotely related to the Superseding Indictment contained in the second proffer is SHARAPKA's reference to the 59 white plastic cards with magnetic strips on the back. These white plastic cards were recovered as a result of the search of SHARAPKA's apartment on November 5, 2004. SHARAPKA referred to them in his statement to the FBI on November 7, 2004. See Exhibit 6, Page 4, Paragraph 3. Moreover, the Government had obtained a search warrant to determine what numbers were encoded on the back of these cards on November 15, 2004. See Exhibit 7.1 In other words, the existence of the cards, the use that SHARAPKA had made of them, and the information encoded on them was known to the Government months before the proffer agreement was signed.

C. May 26, 2005 Proffer Session, Exhibit 4:

The entire three pages of the May 26, 2005 proffer consists of SHARAPKA's discussions of the activities of other individuals who are not named or referenced in the Superseding Indictment, and were not referred to in the Grand Jury testimony that led to the Superseding Indictment. The only information even remotely related to the Superseding Indictment or the information presented to the Grand Jury contained in the third proffer is SHARAPKA's reference on the fourth paragraph of page one to HEATH LNU, a person he used as a runner in Boston. Heath LNU, whose full name is Heath Kennedy, is the runner who was arrested on November 5,

¹ During the proffers, SHARAPKA also referred to various information found on his computer. None of the information he discussed is relevant to the Superseding Indictment. Nevertheless, it is worth noting that SHARAPKA's computer was obtained by the Government on November 5, 2004, the date of his arrest. The Government had obtained a search warrant to search the computer on November 15, 2004, and the computer had already been searched prior to the date of the proffer agreement. See Exhibit 7.

2004. He is the person who led the police to SHARAPKA. See Exhibit 5.2

IV. Grand Jury Testimony

One witness, FBI Special Agent Christopher Geary, testified in front of the Grand Jury before the Grand Jury handed down the Superseding Indictment. The transcript of this testimony is attached as Exhibit 8. Though SHARAPKA has been provided with a copy of this Grand Jury testimony as well as the reports from the proffer, he has not pointed to a single statement made by Agent Geary in the Grand Jury that breached the proffer agreement. The reason for this omission is simple – Agent Geary's testimony did not include any discussion of information obtained as a result of the proffer agreement, and did not reference any information obtained indirectly by the Government as a result of SHARAPKA's statements during the proffer sessions.

CONCLUSION

For the forgoing reasons, the defendant's Motion to Dismiss the Superseding Indictment should be denied.

Respectfully Submitted,

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December 22, 2005

² Heath Kennedy is referred to in Exhibit 5 as the "white male" who met with SHARAPKA. His name is not specifically mentioned.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have this day served upon the person listed below a copy of the foregoing document by causing it to be mailed through the United States Postal Service to:

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This 22nd day of December 2005.

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Re: <u>United States v. Oleksiy Sharapka</u>

Criminal Number 05-10004-PBS

Dear Sir:

This letter confirms that the United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts will consider an accurate and complete proffer from your client, Oleksiy Sharapka (hereinafter "Sharapka"), in connection with an investigation of mail fraud, wire fraud, access device fraud, and identity theft. The terms under which the contemplated proffer will be received are as follows:

- 1. No statements made or other information provided by Sharapka will be used by the United States Attorney directly against him, except for purposes of cross-examination and/or impeachment should he offer in any proceeding statements or information different from statements made or information provided by him during the proffer, or in a prosecution of Sharapka based on false statements made or false information provided by Sharapka.
- 2. The government may make derivative use of, or may pursue any investigative leads suggested by, any statements made or other information provided by Sharapka in the course of the proffer. Any evidence directly or indirectly derived from the proffer may be used against him and others in any criminal case or other proceeding. This provision is necessary in order to eliminate the possibility of a hearing at which the government would have to prove that the evidence it would introduce is not tainted by any statements made or other information provided during the proffer. See Kastigar v. United States, 406 U.S. 441 (1972).

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3. Sharapka acknowledges that the making of a proffer pursuant to this agreement does not constitute substantial assistance within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. §3553(e) or §5K1.1 of the United States Sentencing Guidelines and does not provide a basis for a departure from an otherwise applicable minimum mandatory sentence or Sentencing Guideline range.

The United States Attorney is not hereby agreeing that he will subsequently enter into a plea or immunity agreement with your client. The foregoing is the complete agreement between your client and the United States Attorney with regard to your client's proffer.

Very truly yours,

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OLEKSIY OLEKSANDDRICH SHARAPKA, born 05/10/1980, SSAN 029-84-8847, of 67 Euston Street, Brighton, MA, was interviewed as part of a Proffer Agreement, which was signed by SHARAPKA in the presence of his attorney GEORGE F. GORMLEY, ESQ., of 655 Summer Street, Boston, MA. Also present during the interview were Assistant United States Attorney ("AUSA") Seth Berman, AUSA Allison Burroughs, AUSA Jeffrey Auherhahn, AUSA Steve Hyman, U.S.S.S. ATSAC Timothy Buckley, and TFO Val Krishtal. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, SHARAPKA provided the following information:

SHARAPKA advised that he was from Kiev, Ukraine.
SHARAPKA's family still lives there including his father OLEKSANDER
SHARAPKA, his mother TAMARA SHARAPKA, and his sister. He attended
the National University in Kiev, Mohyla Academy and received a
Bachelor's degree in Economics. SHARAPKA also received a Master's
Degree in Applied Mathematics from the Department of Mechanics and
Mathematica at the National University.

On August 15, 2001, SHARAPKA came to Boston, MA to pursue his Doctorate Degree in Economics from Boston College. SHARAPKA advised that he legally obtained his passport through the U.S. Embassy. SHARAPKA received a federal grant of approximately \$45,000 to pursue his PHD at Boston College. SHARAPKA advised that he lived at 1955 Commonwealth Ave, Brighton, MA and on Lakeshore Court, Brighton, MA while he lived in Boston, MA.

SHARAPKA advised that his attending Boston College did not work out for him, and that he left the United States and went back to Kiev. While in Kiev, he obtained his Master's Degree in Applied Mathematics from National University.

On June 7, 2002, SHARAPKA left Kiev and traveled legally back to the United States. This time he arrived one (1) month prior to classes starting at the Georgia State University Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. SHARAPKA arrived early at Georgia State so that he could get settled and get a job to make some extra money. At this time, SHARAPKA met PAVEL LNU, ICQ nickname "PASHA", who was a programmer. PAVEL LNU lived in the United States.

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SHARAPKA advised that he answered an advertisement online at a job posting site and unknowingly became a reshipper for people committing fraud. In exchange for reshipping the products, SHARAPKA was to receive payments for each package shipped. On September 3, 2002, Detective Watson of the Atlanta Police Department arrested SHARAPKA. SHARAPKA spent a few months at Fulton County Jail before being extradited to Ohio to face charges. While in Fulton County, SHARAPKA met BILL HUGHES who was facing charges from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and Explosives ("ATF"). SHARAPKA spent three (3) days in an Ohio Immigration Prison before being released. After being released, SHARAPKA contacted ELI GAULTNEY, HUGHES's Grandfather. GAULTNEY took in SHARAPKA after sending him \$100.00 for a bus ticket. GUALTNEY lives at 3012 Grand Avenue, Atlanta, GA. HUGHES is currently still in prison at Fulton County.

At this time, SHARAPKA was disappointed that his career was destroyed. His family in Kiev sent him money to obtain a lawyer in Atlanta, GA. Sharapka did not tell anybody about his arrest resulting from a complaint in Ohio.

While living with GAULTNEY, SHARAPKA advised that he started working as a reshipper again with the same people, "IGOR" and "MISHA." SHARAPKA advised that PAUL KONSTANTINOFF, who lives in Russia, is also involved in having merchandise that was purchased with stolen credit card numbers sent to Russia. SHARAPKA met OLGA FNU while living in Atlanta, GA. They were introduced by someone online. SHARAPKA was told that some people in Atlanta needed some help, so he met up with OLGA FNU and her husband. OLGA FNU works for several people like "PAVEL" in these Internet scams. SHARAPKA advised that OLGA FNU is a co-defendant in his case with the United States Secret Service ("USSS").

"TOEFFEL" (ICQ nick name), who lives in the Baltic States (Estonia), is 45 years old and has three (3) children. SHARAPKA advised that he maybe linked to the mafia, due to past conversations with TOEFFEL, where he spoke of his criminal connections. TOEFFEL is considered a "middleman" in these Internet scams.

"INCAGE" (ICQ nick name), is the "biggest" and most organized individual behind the Internet credit card fraud/reshipper scams. SHARAPKA has dealt with INGAGE for a couple of months. INCAGE ships two (2) shipments a month from New York City. INCAGE owns a shipping company there, and his reshippers

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send their acquired products to the shipping company in C/O GEORGE TURAEV. The shipping company was named "something" International Shipping. SHARAPKA advised that the name of the shipping company should be in his computer. INCAGE had his people order their fraudulent purchases and have them shipped to SHARAPKA's mail drop addresses. SHARAPKA would then package up the stolen merchandise and send it to the shipping company. SHARAPKA stated that INCAGE's two (2) monthly shipments totaled 1500 Kg. each. INCAGE has several storefronts in Russia where he sells this stolen merchandise. SHARAPKA stated that he had previously talked with INCAGE via telephone, but could not remember the telephone number.

"MISHA" is assumed to be located in Moscow, Russia.
MISHA deals in ATM and debit card information. MISHA has people located in London, Canada, Chicago, and California who are withdrawing monies from ATM accounts. MISHA's Canadian contacts were supposedly arrested. No date of arrest was provided by SHARAPKA.

SHARAPKA stated that a female known as "KYLAKA" initiated an Internet scam for seven (7) months and made \$3.5 million and then retired. SHARAPKA advised that everyone is making money on these scams.

SHARAPKA also stated that in Chicago, IL, there is a group of people who are using ATM/debit card information obtained from "phishing" scams to withdraw \$70,000 to \$90,000 per day from ATM machines. These individuals work under MISHA. MISHA wanted the Chicago group to give SHARAPKA cash and he would send MISHA money through WEBMONEY, a Russian based Internet Money Exchange like PAYPAL. SHARAPKA stated that WEBMONEY is preferred in these transactions because it is based in Russia and is not law enforcement friendly. SHARAPKA advised that the people in Chicago are having trouble moving the money back to MISHA in Russia. Currently, they are transferring the money back to MISHA through wire transfers.

MISHA offered SHARAPKA an offer to receive 35% per week for transferring monies of up to \$100,000 per week to MISHA through WEBMONEY. SHARAPKA advised that this money was being taken from ATM cards transactions in Chicago, and he believed the victim company was Citizens Bank. SHARAPKA advised that all the banks are being victimized by these scams. Wells Fargo and Citibank are banks that have ATM cards that only allow for small amounts of monies to be withdrawn at a time.

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SHARAPKA advised that the ATM withdrawals are occurring in California as well. SHARAPKA had talked on ICQ with one (1) of the people withdrawing the money, but he could not remember this person's ICQ nickname.

SHARAPKA advised that he worked with four (4) males that left the United States on August 28, 2004. The four (4) males names were DENNISS BOBROVSKI, ALEXANDER FNU, ANDREI VOLGIN, and ALEKSEI USKOV. SHARAPKA advised that these individuals were visiting the U.S. legally during their summer college break. They were here to participate in these schemes, and were originally in the Carolina or Virginia area and worked their way north to Boston. SHARAPKA advised that it is common for Russian students to come to the U.S. for a couple of months to work these schemes.

SHARAPKA advised that after cutting off his monitoring bracelet that he received to enable him to cooperate with the USSS in their investigation, he decided to travel back to Boston, MA. He traveled with David Benson. SHARAPKA received \$3,500 from a Russian friend and received the money via Western Union. disappeared after stealing some of the money received from Western Union. SHARAPKA had already paid for his apartment in Brighton, He needed to make money, so he went to PC CAFE located in Brighton, MA where he met JIONG JIONG. There, SHARAPKA paid \$2.00/hour for Internet access. ICQ nick name "B1" had a few laptop computers sent to SHARAPKA's mail drops. SHARAPKA made money for accepting the shipments. SHARAPKA went on to receive more merchandise, but did not like to deal in anything less than \$1,500. SHARAPKA stated that it was not profitable for him to receive anything with a value under \$1,500 due to it having to be resold at a discount because of it being stolen. SHARAPKA advised that he would come up with or have his runners come up with five (5) new addresses each week near student apartments to use to have merchandise delivered. SHARAPKA would have his "runners" wait outside these addresses and wait for the deliveries. SHARAPKA kept a document on his computer that kept track of his addresses and what was being shipped.

SHARAPKA advised that he would provide mail drop addresses to free lance "guys" on the ICQ as well. He would make sure that no two (2) companies would deliver to the same address on the same day. He viewed it as five (5) addresses accepting deliveries from five (5) different companies would net him 25 packages per day. He advised that the people who lived at the

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residences did not know their addresses were being used as "mail drops."

SHARAPKA advised that he was paid for his services by Western Union and PAYPAL. His PAYPAL account is in his real name. SHARAPKA also has a WEBMONEY account. SHARAPKA advised that VADEAM is a person located in New York City, NY that exchanges any kind of money. VADEAM takes a high percentage of the money in order to transfer the monies. VADEAM does this through a company that he runs in NY. Information related to VADEAM may be in SHARAPKA's Internet Favorites on his laptop computer.

SHARAPKA advised that a newer scam occurring on the Internet by JIONG JIONG in Brighton, MA. JIONG has recruited 5-10 people to place 5-10 Ebay auctions for electronics like computers. Once the auctions are over, and the they receive their payments from the bidders, JIONG and his crew will use stolen credit card information to purchase the merchandise from legitimate websites and have the merchandise shipped directly to the winner of the Ebay auction.

Another scam being done with stolen credit card information is that it will be used to fund a phony online gambling account like on PARTYPOKER.COM. The user will transfer \$5,000 or \$10,000 to the account and gamble with it. If they win big, they will transfer the money back to the credit card, if the lose, they will "walk away" from that gambling account.

SHARAPKA advised that he used the aliases ALEX YANNOS and had a MAILBOXES ETC. as an "official" address. He also used ANDREW SCHAMKOFF and/or ANDREW SCHWANKOFF. SHARAPKA was involved in receiving and reshipping merchandise received from fraudulent purchases made on the Internet, providing online Casino accounts, and transferring monies for other individuals. SHARAPKA utilized the email accounts BERTTRONIS@YAHOO.COM, JABENNING2000@YAHOO.COM, ALL2BUSY@YAHOO.COM, and POLEMICOS@YAHOO.COM. SHARAPKA's Internet nickname was "ARTIST", which he acquired from playing billiards.

SHARAPKA advised that of his ICQ list, all but approximately 10 were involved in some aspect of the "phishing"/"reshipper"/"account information seller"/"ATM account fraud" scams. SHARAPKA ICQ list has over 200 ICQ nickname contacts in it. The group "COWORKERS" on his ICQ list are people who performed a similar job as he did as a reshipper. PROVERKA means "checking of dumps", and these people were usually from CARDER



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PLANET. ZAKAZCHIKI were people who ordered the merchandise ("technicians").

SHARAPKA advised that "technicians" fill orders online. They are supplied with credit card information and with mail drop information. To purchase the credit card information it usually costs between \$1.50 to \$2.00 per card. Some cards are more expensive. SHARAPKA advised that there are only about ten (10) main credit card suppliers on the Internet. They obtain this information from hacking into online companies and obtaining the credit card "dump" files from them.

Social Security Account Number ("SSAN") information is also for sale online. People have services were it would cost \$3.00 each or \$20.00 per month if you needed a lot of SSANs.

SHARAPKA advised that there are two (2) people who provide "Mother Maiden Name" information. They are "BM", aka "BIG BUYER", and "ZOOMER", who may now be using the nickname "SCELET", meaning skeleton. BM had ties to CARDER PLANET. BM has associates that carry machine guns, and he has contacts with Customs in Russia. BM is from MINSK, RUSSIA.

SHARAPKA advised that there are approximately four (4) portals out there for obtaining the credit card/debit card/personal information on the Internet. One is www.mazzafukka.com, the others should be in his "Favorites" list on his laptop computer.

SHARAPKA also met someone online who was to send him ten (10) installments of \$500.00 each from online gambling sites. He was to receive these installments through PAYPAL. SHARAPKA was to convert this money over to EGOLD to transfer over the UNSUB who contacted him. SHARAPKA stated that this deal fell through. SHARAPKA's EGOLD account is in his true name, as is his PAYPAL account with email address POLEMICOS@YAHOO.COM.

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OLEKSIY OLEKSANDDRICH SHARAPKA, born 05/10/1980, SSAN 029-84-8847, of 67 Euston Street, Brighton, MA, was interviewed as part of a Proffer Agreement, which was signed by SHARAPKA in the presence of his attorney Christie M. Charles, of 655 Summer Street, Boston, MA. Also present during the interview were Assistant United States Attorney ("AUSA") Seth Berman, U.S.S.S. SA Dean Tramontana, and Postal Inspector Paul Chisolm. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, SHARAPKA provided the following information:

SHARAPKA advised that JIONG JIONG of Brighton, MA is a "nobody" in the "phishing"/credit card fraud/reshipping scene. SHARAPKA advised that JIONG may have only done 20 items totaling approximately \$4,000. SHARAPKA and JIONG would split monies when they worked together. JIONG may have also had to pay other people who he had help him through his share. SHARAPKA had to pay 80% of the money made to "THEVIVER." SHARAPKA advised that "THEVIVER" is a 33 year old male who resides somewhere in Eastern Europe. "THEVIVER" has contacts with Ukrainian Customs in order to receive merchandise shipments in his country.

SHARAPKA advised that "CYCLONE" is another person that he would deal with online through ICQ. "CYCLONE" resides in Hungary.

SHARAPKA advised that at least five (5) individuals who use ICQ possess over 1 million credit card numbers. SHARAPKA provided "THEVIVER", "B1", "PASHA", and "INVEXOR" as ICQ nicknames that possess that many stolen credit card numbers. SHARAPKA advised that "DEC" of shadowcrew had offered "INVEXOR" the job of running the Russian part of SHADOWCREW. "DEC" is supposedly still wanted by the U.S.S.S. for his/her participation in SHADOWCREW.

SHARAPKA advised that VADEAM LNU, may run the website "EUROCARD2000." VADEAM LNU has a female manager that SHARAPKA had talked to once on the telephone. SHARAPKA does not recall her name.

SHARAPKA advised that he was ordering IDs online for himself and his runners. SHARAPKA ordered his IDs from a person in OHIO. SHARAPKA advised that "DEV" also of SHADOWCREW sold IDs.

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SHARAPKA advised that he was ordering IDs online for himself and his runners. SHARAPKA ordered his IDs from a person in OHIO. SHARAPKA advised that "DEV" also of SHADOWCREW sold IDs. "DEV" is a 45 year old male, who had his wife or girlfiend accept the Western Union transfers for the IDs. "DEVI-DOKI" charged \$200 for one (1) ID and \$30 each if purchased in quantities. SHARAPKA would take the pictures of who he wanted on the IDs, "zip" (compress) the pictures and send it with a text file containing personal information that he wanted on the ID to the ID makers via ICQ.

When questioned about the 59 white plastic cards having magnetic strips on the back, SHARAPKA advised that he was working with "MISHA" and received the track 2 data from "MISHA" to write on the magnetic strips. SHARAPKA advised that they cards contained debit or credit card information. SHARAPKA advised that he had only used a few of them. "MISHA" reportedly developed an altorythm to determine useable cards. MISHA reportedly has people working for him in Chicago and California. "MISHA's" groups have moved away from WELLS FARGO debit cards and may be victimizing SOVEREIGN BANK debit cards. SHARAPKA advised that while working with "MISHA", he would have to encode the cards within 30 minutes of receiving the track 2 data and then attempt to utilize the cards at ATMs. SHARAPKA advised that an Unidentified Male from California sent him the white plastic cards and taught him how to organize the scheme, by splitting the cards into 10 at a time. SHARAPKA advised that he thought "MISHA" obtained the credit card information through "phishing" schemes.

SHARAPKA advised that he worked with "MISHA" in order to make extra money aside from his reshipping scheme. SHARAPKA was to receive 35% of the proceeds from the unauthorized ATM transactions. No deals were made with "MISHA" due to SHARAPKA being arrested on his current charges.

SHARAPKA advised that he was introduced to a Lithuanian male and female who lived by Boston College by HUDUZNIK PETROVICH. PETROVICH does not live within the United States. The Lituanian male's name may have been "VICTOR." The male's ICQ name was "DIGITAL", and the female's ICQ name was "STULJA." "STULJA" reportedly had red curly hair. SHARAPKA advised that he believed "VICTOR" may have had laser eye surgery and that "VICTOR" was leaving the United States some time in October 2004. "VICTOR" was considered a competitor of SHARAPKA's in



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reshipping of merchandise, so they did not discuss too much about what or who they were working with. The file named "Log1.htm" maybe victors, and appears to track debts owed because of participation in a fraudulent credit card scheme. The term "dolg" means "debt."

The person utilizing the ICQ nickname "LAPTOPSELLER" places ads on job placement sites like MONSTER.COM, and recruits unknowingly individuals to be reshippers. "LAPTOPSELLER" is located in Russia and deals in large quantities of laptop computers.

The person utilizing the ICQ nickname "NADA" produces state ID cards. "NADA" is believed to be located in Phoenix, A2.

"BRATOK-US" was believed to be living in California, but may have moved to Russia, France, or Canada.

SHARAPKA provided information related to the following ICO nicknames:

"CLOWN" - does a lot of small fraudulent orders

SHARAPKA also identified the person in picture named "d.jpg" from his laptop as DAVID BENSON. The person in picture named "0142.jpg" is known on ICQ as "HIMIKAT." The person in picture named "IMG 004.jpg" is DENNIS BOBROVSKI.

When asked about the picture named "Union Bank_inco.jpg", SHARAPKA did not know who MIKAJEL TUMASYAN was and advised that he only knew of three (3) people from TUNISIA on ICO.

When asked about the picture file named "0202.bmp", SHARAPKA advised that it was the banking information for his Mother's bank account in Kiev.

[&]quot;VALIN" - lives in Australia

[&]quot;BASIC" - purchases merchandise and has MailBox Etc. resend it

[&]quot;PARADISE" - Russian working in New York City

[&]quot;K-OFF" - Konstantinoff
"NOAR" - lives in Canada



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SHARAPKA advised that he did not have an XDRIVE online storage account, nor did he have any other online storage accounts where he stored files.

Credit Reports found on his laptop computer's hard drive were purchased from ICQ nickname "SKELET." SHARAPKA used them for fake identification cards.

The NETSPEND cards were supposed to be for "clean" money that was obtained through these scams. NETSPEND allows a person to open three (3) different accounts in their name.

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SHARAPKA advised that he first came to the Boston, MA area on July 1, 2004 with DAVID BENSON. BENSON and SHARAPKA traveled from Atlanta, GA. SHARAPKA stated that BENSON stole checks from him, cashed them, and was not seen by SHARAPKA again.

SHARAPKA advised that they were using stolen American Express credit card numbers that they purchased online. The American Express website offers for purchase traveler's checks and currency. SHARAPKA would use stolen credit card information that he obtained online to order American Express traveler's checks. The checks would be sent out the next day. SHARAPKA advised that anything under \$2,500.00 was not checked by American Express. SHARAPKA stated that he usually ordered the checks for \$1,000.00 not to raise any flags.

In possible August of 2004, BENSON moved to a homeless shelter, where he met HEATH LNU and two (2) other men. SHARAPKA and HEATH LNU started to "work" together on the Internet scams. BENSON did not work with SHARAPKA and HEATH LNU. SHARAPKA's role was to handle all of the online communicating with the people who had the credit/bank card information. HEATH's role was to be that of a runner.

Around September 10-15, 2004, SHARAPKA chatted online with HOUDOZNIK. HOUDOZNIK, who lives in Eastern Europe, was working with VICTOR LNU, aka "DIGITAL", who was attending a university in the Boston area. VICTOR lived on Washington Street, Brighton, MA. VICTOR had a girl friend who was small in stature and from Lithuania. SHARAPKA stated that he had spoken with VICTOR and that they had talked about obtaining false IDs. SHARAPKA game the ICQ number of his ID guy. SHARAPKA also gave VICTOR \$600.00

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for money to live on, because he was a friend of HOUDOZNIK. SHARAPKA advised that VICTOR was receiving packages of merchandise paid for by stolen credit card numbers at his true residence at one time. VICTOR moved from that address.

SHARAPKA stated that in the Fall of 2004, five (5) males came to the U.S. from Russia. They were working for HOUDOZNIK and VICTOR and started working fraud schemes in North Carolina. SHARAPKA advised that he asked VICTOR if he could use them too. The five (5) males were all from the Tallin University, same as VICTOR. Among the five (5) males were ALEXI USKOV, DENNIS BOBROVSKI, and ALEXANDER LNU. The five (5) males would pick up packages for VICTOR and HOUDOZNIK's online scams.

One (1) scam that SHARAPKA operated while in Atlanta, GA was regarding NETSPEND CARDS and PAYPAL accounts. SHARAPKA advised that NETSPEND prepaid cards allow for monies to be withdrawn at ATM locations. Money can be transferred to NETSPEND Cards through PAYPAL transfers. NETSPEND never sent any of the unauthorized fund transfers back to the PAYPAL accounts even after they were identified as fraudulent. The scam entailed using small PAYPAL accounts to fund larger PAYPAL accounts, and then cleaning out the large PAYPAL accounts via check, a clean bank account, or NETSPEND accounts. SHARAPKA advised that "THE VIVER" was the biggest player doing this scam.

SHARAPKA also advised that his sister, who lives in Kiev, has been using his ICQ nickname and has recently chatted with "THE VIVER. " SHARAPKA advised that she has taken over his online ICQ identity so that he can be paid by people who still owe him money from the Internet scams and so that he can pay the people he owes money to for his role in the scams. SHARAPKA advised that he owes \$20,000 to "ESTESIS" from Estonia, and \$15,000 to \$20,000 to IGOR MANKOVSKY for the vehicles that were seized by the U.S.S.S. He estimated that he owes approximately \$60,000 to people that he worked with on these Internet scams.

SHARAPKA advised that the person responsible for shipping containers full of merchandise fraudulently obtained through stolen credit card purchases is GEORGE TURAEV, who is located in Syracuse, NY.

SHARAPKA advised that while living in Atlanta, GA, he worked with ANDREI BELIKOFF and his wife, who were acting as the "middle man" in receiving packages from online fraudulent credit

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card orders. Also in Atlanta is OLGA SHUSKOVA, who moves money through Western Unions, etc.

VADEAM, who owns a legitimate company in New York, is a money casher. VADEAM primarily transfer cash into WEBMONEY or EGOLD.

KONSTANTINOFF has people accepting packages for him in NY KONSTANTINOFF resides in Eastern Europe.

SHARAPKA advised that their were four (4) individuals who had the capability to make false identifications. The first one (1) is "NADA." NADA lives in Chicago, IL and makes California and Arizona driver's licenses. NADA has never been arrested. SHARAPKA dealt with NADA when SHARAPKA was in Atlanta.

The second person for false IDs is "DIRTY HARRY." DIRTY HARRY was arrested during the Carder Planet roundup. DIRTY HARRY makes false Michigan driver's licenses.

The third person SHARAPKA stated that made false driver's licenses was "DEV." DEV can make any state ID. DEV lives in Ohio and is over 50 years old.

The fourth person who makes false IDs is "ASAD." ASAD lives in Moscow.

SHARAPKA also advised that "PINECHOT" is known to be the best supplier of fraudulent passports.

SHARAPKA advised that MISHA is behind a large portion of the unauthorized withdrawals being made at ATM machines in Chicago, IL. MISHA's ICQ nickname is "MICHAIL." MISHA is known to behind the WELLS FARGO and CITIZENS phishing scams.

TOEFFEL is behind the unauthorized ATM transactions in London England.





Boston Police Department

Mugshot Form

Report Date: 11/07/2004 12:01

Booking Status: Verified

Printed By: MARROW, Stephanie

Master Name: SCHWAMKOFF, Andrew Booking Name: SCHWAMKOFF, Andrew

Address: 67 Euston RD #2, BRIGHTON MA 02135 US

Charges: Larceny Over \$250 (266-30)

Fraudulent Use Of A Credit Card (266-37C)

Buying, Receiving or Concealing Stolen Goods (266-60)

Sex: Male

Date of Birth: 09/29/1976

Height: 6'00

Weight: 195 lbs Eve Color: Hazel

Hair Color: Black

Race: White Non-Hispanic

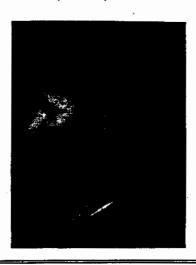
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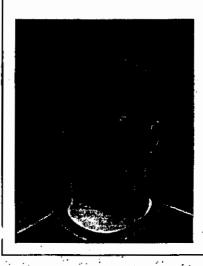
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Arrest Booking Form

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Court of Appearance: Brighton District Court

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Booking Name: SCHWAMKOFF, Andrew

Alias:

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Possession of Counterfeit Credit Cards Altered License or Registration (90-24B)

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BLOCK NARRATIVE AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ON 11/5/04, DET. KRAUSE (VD05), DET. BLAIR (V808), OF THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNIT AND POSTAL INSPECTOR PAUL CHISHOLM, ARRESTED ANDREW SCHWAMKOFF FOR LARCENY BY SCHEME OVER 250, FRAUDULENT USE OF A CREDIT CARD, RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY, IDENTITY FRAUD, AND ALTERING/COUNTERFEITING MA LICENSES. THIS ARREST OCCURRED AS THE RESULT OF AN INVESTIGATION BY THE US POSTAL INSPECTORS OFFICE AND THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNIT. INSP. PAUL CHISHOLM WAS INITIALLY CONTACTED BY A VICTIM OF IDENTITY FRAUD. THIS VICTIM REPORTED THAT AN UNKNOWN PERSON USED HER CREDIT CARD NUMBER TO ATTEMPT TO SHIP STOLEN PROPERTY TO 304 NEWBURY ST., #397, BOSTON, IN THE NAME OF DENNISS BOBROZSKI. FURTHER INVESTIGATION BY INSP. CHISHOLM FOUND THAT NUMEROUS PACKAGES HAD BEEN SHIPPED TO THE SAME BOX (397) AT MAIL BOXES ETC. THAT INVOLVED STOLEN CREDIT CARD NUMBERS. INSP. CHISHOLM CHECKED WITH THE COMPANIES THAT SHIPPED THE MERCHANDISE AND DETERMINED THAT THE CREDIT CARD NUMBERS USED TO BILL THE MERCHANDISE DID NOT MATCH THE SHIPPING NAME. FURTHER INQUIRIES DETERMINED THAT FOUR PACKAGES CURRENTLY AT MAIL BOXES ETC. FOR BOX 397 WERE ORDERED WITH STOLEN CREDIT CARD NUMBERS. A SURVEILLANCE WAS CONDUCTED ON 11/5/04 AT 304 NEWBURY ST. AT ABOUT 4:35 P.M., A WHITE MALE ARRIVED AND CLAIMED THE PACKAGES. AT ABOUT 7:00 P.M., THIS WHITE MALE MET WITH ANDREW SCHWAMKOFF ON COLBOURNE ST AT THE INTERSECTION OF EUSTON RD. THIS WHITE MALE HAD CONVERSATION WITH SCHWAMKOFF FOR ABOUT 5-10 MINUTES. SCHWAMKOFF HANDED AN ENVELOPE TO THE WHITE MALE. THIS ENVELOPE WAS LATE SEIZED AND DETERMINED TO CONTAIN \$1400.00 US CURRENCY. SCHWAMKOFF THEN TOOK THREE PACKAGES FROM THE REAR OF THE CAR AND WALKED AWAY ON FOOT TO EUSTON RD. SCHWAMKOFF WALKED UP THE STEPS OF 67 EUSTON RD WHERE HE WAS STOPPED BY SGT. GULIANO, DET. BLAIR, AND INSP. CHISHOLM. OFFICERS IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AND SCHWAMKOFF CONSENTED TO THE OFFICERS COMING UPSTAIRS INTO HIS APARTMENT. SCHWAMKOFF WAS READ HIS MIRANDA RIGHTS BY DET. BLAIR AND READ THE CONSENT TO SEARCH FORM. THIS PROCEDURE WAS RECORDED ON AN AUDIO TAPE AND LATER AGAIN RECORED ON VIDEO. SCHWAMKOFF CONSENTED TO THE SEARCH AND WAIVED HIS MAIRANDA RIGHTS AND AGREED TO SPEAK TO OFFICERS. THE SEARCH WAS LIMITED TO SCHWAMKOFF'S ROOM. THERE WERE TWO OTHER ROOMATES IN THE APARTMENT. DET. KRAUSE LATER SPOKE WITH KURT DINSBACH WHO STATED HE IS THE ONLY PERSON ON THE LEASE. MR. DINSBACH STATED HE FOUND SCHWAMKOFF THROUGH AN ONLINE SERVICE. SCHWAMKOFF'S ROOM WAS FULL OF BOXES CONTAINING COMPUTERS, COMPUTER ACCESSORIES, CAMERAS, CLOTHING, AND OTHER ITEMS TO NUMEROUS TO INVENTORY AT THIS TIME. A SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT WILL BE FILED. OFFICERS ALSO FOUND MANY COUNTERFEIT MA LICENSES, \$14,280 IN US CURRENCY, FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS, NOTES, BLANK PLASTIC CREDIT CARDS. SCHWAMKOFF WAS RECORDED ON VIDEO WHILE POINTING TO WHAT HE SAID WAS HIS PROPERTY AND WHAT WAS NOT HIS PROPERTY. OFFICERS OBSERVED A LAPTOP COMPUTER POWERED ON AND CONNNECTED A PRINTER AND A CREDIT CARD CAPTURING DEVICE COMMONLY REFERED TO AS A SKIMMER. THIS COMPUTER WAS DISCONNECTED FROM THE PRINTER AND SKIMMER BY DET, KRAUSE. THE LAPTOP WAS POWERED B THE BATTERY AND SHUT DOWN BY DET. KRAUSE. OFFICERS HAD PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIVE THE COMPUTER AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT WAS BEING USED AS PART OF A CREDIT CARD FRAUD SCHEME. OFFICERS ALSO HAD PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT THE MERCHANDISE, IDENTIFICATIONS, US CURRENCY, DOCUMENTS, BLAND CREDIT CARDS, AND OTHER ITEMS LATER TO BE INVENTORIED WERE STOLEN PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE RELATED TO THE SCHEME. THE ITEMS WERE SEIZED AND TRANSPORTED TO BOSTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS BY THE K202F (WALSH/GREEN) AND SECURED IN THE EVIDENCE LOCKER OF THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNIT. THE CURRENCY WAS BROUGHT TO AREA D-14 AND SUBMITTED TO THE DUTY SUPERVISOR, LT. FEENEY. THE EXACT COUNT WAS DETERMINED TO BY \$14,280.00 AND \$1400.00. THE CURRENCY WAS BROUGHT TO BOSTON POLICE HEADUARTERS BY DET, KRAUSE AND SECURED IN THE SAFE AT THE FONT DESK, INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS TO BE SUBMITTED BY DET. KRAUSE AND POSTAL INSPECTOR PAUL CHISHOLM. AFTER THE BOOKING PROCESS, THE SUSPECTS FINGERPRINTS MATCHED AN ARREST IN THE STATE OF GEORGE IN THE NAME OF SHARAKA OLEKSIY. SUSPECT IS WANTED AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE FROM THE ARLINGTON, VA OFFICE OF THE US MARSHALL. DEPUTY MARSHALL JOE SACCARDO OF THE BOSTON OFFICE, 617-748-2561 CONTACTED AREA D-14 AND REQUESTED THAT THE SUSPECT BE HELD. THE NCIC# IS W456184973

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Date of transcription 11/08/2004

On Sunday, November 7, 2004, while listening to the news on the radio, SA Angelo A. Rinchiuso heard that a person of Russian decent, had been arrested by the Boston Police department and had ties to Russian Organized Crime. SA Angelo A. Rinchiuso immediately contacted TFO Val Krishtal and told him to meet at the Boston Police Department, Area D-14, Brighton, Ma. Once at that location (D-14), the desk personnel made SA Angelo A. Rinchiuso aware that the person who was arrested by Boston Police Department, identified as of Andrew Schwankoff, was still being held in their lockup. At that time Boston Police Detective Blair was contacted at his residence, and was advised by writer that they wanted to interview his arrestee. Detective Blair concurred with that request as long as subject, Andrew Schwankoff, signed off on his waiver of Prompt Arraignment and Miranda rights.

On same date, at approximately 12:16 p.m., SA Angelo A. Rinchiuso and TFO Val Krishtal read to Andrew Schwankoff his Advice of Rights (form FD 395), and the Boston Police Department Waiver of Prompt Arraignment (Rosario Waiver) at which time Schwankoff read and then signed both. Schwankoff thereafter voluntarily provided the following information:

Andrew Schwankoff advised that he has only been using the name Schwankoff for about two days. It was one of the names that he just picked out from some of his friends on ICQ. Schwankoff stated that his true birth name is Oleksiy Sharapka and has a date of birth of September 29, 1976. Sharapka was born in Kiev, Ukraine. Sharapka is the name that he officially uses on his passport. Sharapka stated that Secret Service in Atlanta was holding his original passport. Sharapka has also used the name of Alexis Llanos and several others that he couldnot remember. Sharapka stated that the other names were on the cards that were confiscated when he was arrested by Boston Police on 11/05/04.

Sharapka, (Schwankoff) advised that he first obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Ukraine University. Sharapka entered the United States in 2001. Sharapka resided in the Boston Area during the years 2001 through 2002.

Investigation on 11/07/04

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SA ANGELO A RINCHIUSO
by TFO VAL KRISHTAL



Date dictated 11/08/04

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Sharapka advised that he was attending Boston College and was pursuing a Doctorate in Financial Economics. Boston College had given him a stipend of \$45,000 to attend. After 2002, he moved to the State of Georgia, where he received a Doctorate degree in Economics from University of Georgia.

Sharapka advised that he is single and has no children. Sharapka has a mother, father and sister who are all alive and live in Kiev. Sharapka stated that his father was 50 years old and his mother was 52 years old. His sister was 19 years old. Sharapka's present address is 67 Euston rd, Apt #2, Brighton, Ma. Sharapka advised that his personal cell phone has the number of (404) 247-7217, and was issued by T-Mobile. Sharapka stated that he also uses six or seven other cell phones for his business, but did not recall the numbers. Sharapka advised that those were the cell phones taken by Boston Police at the time of his arrest. Those phones were also issued by T-Mobile. Sharapka was asked where he purchased those cell phones and under what names were they listed. Sharapka advised that he bought those phones in Atlanta, Georgia, from a Chinese man, who owns a small phone shop somewhere in downtown Atlanta. Sharapka stated that the phones are not in his name, but in the names that the Chinese man provided for him. Sharapka does not know the name of this man and does not recall the name or address of the shop. Sharapka continues to use his T-Mobile cell phones by buying prepaid cards. Sharapka has about \$1,000 in prepaid credit for the phone number (404) 247-7217, which he states was his primary phone.

Sharapka next advised that on May 17, 2004, he was arrested by Secret Service, Atlanta, Georgia. Sharapka stated that he was charged with nine felony counts of fraud. Sharapka stated that he had made bail and was out under house arrest. Sharapka stated that he had rented two apartments in Atlanta; one to conduct his business in and the other to live in Because he was not able to work, his landlord became irate and removed all of his business property from the one apartment, including \$10,000 in cash, which he had hidden in the apartment. Sharapka stated that the landlord stole his property. Sharapka was also evicted from the apartment that he was using as his primary residence and had nowhere to go. Sharapka advised that after receiving word from Secret Service Agent Benedict Murrey that he (Murrey) was being reassigned to a Presidential detail, he (Sharapka) decided to relocate. Sharapka said that even though he had financial fraud charges pending against him, he decided

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to relocate back to the Boston area. Sharapka traveled by Greyhound Bus to Boston, because he had no money. All of his money had been confiscated during his arrest in Atlanta.

Sharapka advised that in the course of the Secret Service investigation regarding his illegal activities, they seized a shipment of three SUV vehicles that Sharapka was sending to the Ukraine. The three SUVs were seized in Spain. Sharapka advised that he bought two Nissans and one Infinity, totaling in value of \$150,000. Sharapka advised that the people who paid for these SUVs in Russia, were not happy with the seizure, because they had fronted the money for the purchase. Sharapka advised that he was currently engaging in illegal activities, in order to raise money to pay this debt. Sharapka also advised that another reason he left Atlanta was that the people he owed money believed that he might be cooperating with the authorities.

Sharapka was next asked how many mail addresses did he use. Sharapka advised that he used over several P.O. Boxes throughout the Boston Area. All of the Post Office Boxes were associated with Mail Box Etc. Sharapka advised that he had two P.O. Boxes on Tremont street, under the name of Alexi Llanos. Sharapka has another P.O. Box at 1085 Commonwealth Ave, also under the name of Alexi Llanos. Sharapka has two P.O. Boxes on Newbury Street, under the name of Andrew Schwankoff.

Sharapka advised that he and his group wire transfer money to the Deutsche Bank (Germany), and from there it usually ended up in banks in either Moscow or banks in the Baltic states. When his partners in Kiev would wire transfer money back to him, they would usually use Wachovia Bank or the Deutsche bank. The wire transfers were usually over the \$10,000 amount. Sharapka was not aware of the financial reporting when dealing with the banks, until he was arrested in Atlanta.

Sharapka advised that he and his group also used Western Union to send money back and forth from the United States to Kiev and Moscow. Sharapka would usually pick up money from anywhere between \$2,500 and \$4,000 per day, from two different locations, every day for two weeks. Sharapka advised that most of this was the money sent to him for the purchase of three SUVs. Sharapka advised that this was done to avoid reporting requirements and to avoid showing several different forms of identification. Sharapka advised that he had around

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\$17,000 cash in possession when he was arrested. Sharapka also advised that they transfer money through Online Type Money (OTM) service, similar to PAYPAL. This OTM service is used throughout Russia, so that money cannot be traced.

Sharapka was asked what the names of his Russian employers were back in Kiev. Sharapka stated that he only knows one of them called Misha. Sharapka talks to him through ICQ on the internet. Sharapka believes Misha is presently living in Moscow. Misha contacted Sharapka and instructed him to purchase laptops, camera's and other appliance items with fraudulent cards that they use. Sharapka then shiped the items back to Kiev and the Baltic States.

Sharapka was next asked what banks within the Boston area has he used to conduct his fraudulent schemes. Sharapka advised that he has only opened up accounts with Citizen Bank. Sharapka denied having any accounts with Fleet Bank. Sharapka also advised that the easiest banks to commit fraud against are Citizen Bank and Sovereign Bank.

Sharapka advised that Misha is extremely intelligent individual. As an example, Sharapka stated that he uses a system that puts a block on his address; however, Misha IP him via ICQ and told him that he was able to trace his home address to 67 Euston Rd, Brighton, Ma. Misha also told Sharapka that he has a network of individuals in the Chicago area, committing schemes at Chicago area banks. These phishing schemes net approximately \$60,000 to \$80,000 a day, and sometimes as high as \$150,000 a day. These schemes are based on capturing data from bank computers, which conduct several daily dumps of information. obtain the information, the sixteen digit ATM/credit card number, in conjunction with the cards expiration dates, is used to obtain all the account information, including the PIN numbers. The data is then transferred to a blank card, which is then used to drain the accounts. Most of the victims who are targeted are wealthy and have high daily withdrawal limits. Sharapka stated that the scheme is so easy to perpetrate, that they are thousands of people that are doing it. Sharapka further stated that he has at least 400 people in his ICQ address book, and at least half of them are involved in the "phishing" scheme. Sharapka also stated that at one time the Wells Fargo Bank, used to be an easy target for that type of scheme. However, because they (Wells Fargo) has lowered their withdrawal limit, they no longer are worth the effort.

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Sharapka advised that he uses the internet name of SINUE on the Instant Messenger, ICQ.

Sharapka was next asked if he had used any of the fraudulent ATM cards to withdraw money within recent weeks. Sharapka stated that it was quite possible that he had. Sharapka also stated that several of his friends, who have returned to Russia, have left him their ATM Cards, along with PIN numbers, allowing him to withdraw money from those accounts.

In conclusion of this interview, Sharapka was asked if he wanted to add any additional information to his statements. Sharapka stated the following: Although, he was not aware that his activity prior to his arrest in Georgia was unlawful, when he was committing his acts in Boston, he was fully aware that the acts were illegal. Sharapka then asked SA RINCHIUSO and TFO KRISHTAL a question regarding cooperation with the authorities. Sharapka wanted to know, how he could benefit from cooperation with the investigators. Sharapka was advised that it was up to him and his attorney to make of those arrangements.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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In the Matter of the Search of

(Name, address or brief description of person or property to be searched)

COMPUTER, SCANNER, FEDEX PACKAGE, ENVELOPES, PLASTIC CARDS, AND CELLULAR TELEPHONES MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN ATTACHMENT B

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SEARCH WARRANT

CASE NUMBER: 711504- m-259 JLA

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ATTACHMENT B

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY TO BE SEARCHED

- A. An HP Pavilion Laptop computer, model ZX5280US, serial number

 CND4260DCC, taken from the residence of Oleksiy Sharapka, 67 Euston Rd, 2nd

 floor, Brighton, MA on November 5, 2004.
- B. The scanner, model number MSRZ06-3HL, serial number A009524, taken from the residence of Oleksiy Sharapka, 67 Euston Rd, 2nd floor, Brighton, MA on November 5, 2004.
- C. Fed Ex package addressed to Alexis Llanos, 1085 Commonwealth Avenue, #169, Boston, MA 02215, from Kinko's 0169, Waterville, Ohio, which was seized from the Mail Boxes Etc. located at 1085 Commonwealth Avenue, #169, Boston, MA 02215.
- D. 59 white plastic cards, each with an encodeable magnetic strip, taken from the residence of Oleksiy Sharapka, 67 Euston Rd, 2nd floor, Brighton, MA on November 5, 2004.
- E. Five T-mobile cellphones, including 3 Nokia telephones, 1 Samsung telephone and 1 Sony telephone, each of which was taken from the residence of Oleksiy Sharapka, 67 Euston Rd, 2nd floor, Brighton, MA on November 5, 2004.
- F. Ten unopened envelopes sent from Netspend Corporation, P.O. Box 42589,

 Austin, Texas 78704 to the following names: Deniss Bobrovski (3); Andrei

 Volgin (3); and Aleksei Uskov (4), all of which feel as though they contain a

Netspend card, obtained from the Town Line Inn, 735 Broadway, Malden, MA.

G. One Samsung flip telephone which is currently in the custody of the Nashua

Street jail, amongst the personal possessions of Oleksiy Sharapka, a/k/a Andrew

Schwamkoff.

ATTACHMENT C

ITEMS TO BE SEIZED

Any and all documents, data, information, or communications, in any form, and any and all software, hardware, or other items, evidencing, or constituting instrumentalities or fruits of, Fraud and Related Activity in connection with Access Devices, in violation of 18, United States Code, Section 1029, including but not limited to the following; the specific items to be seized from each of the search locations or items to be searched (as fully described in Attachment B) are particularly described and set forth as follows:

A From the HP Payilion Laptop computer:

Any and all computer log files, stored electronic communications, including e-mail and ICQ messages, e-mail, ICQ, and other address books, internet history files, temporary internet files, internet "favorite" files, word documents, text documents, excel spreadsheets and other files evidencing shipping and delivery addresses and payments, personal information, names and addresses, credit card accounts, numbers and passwords, including encrypted files, as well as software for encoding financial information onto magnetic stripes, typically used on bank and credit cards.

B. The scanner, model number MSRZ06-3HL

Information stored in memory relating to personal information, card numbers, "PIN" number and other information typically encoded on bank and credit cards, as well as other official identification cards.

C. Fed Ex package and the envelopes

Contents.

D. 59 white plastic cards

Information stored on the magnetic strip relating to personal information, card numbers, "PIN" number and other information typically encoded on bank and credit cards.

E. 6 cellphones

All information contained in memory, including calls made, received and missed, saved messages, whether text or voice, personal stored information, telephone settings, memos, names, addresses and telephone numbers in stored address book, and information in date book.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

VS.

Case No.

JOHN DOE.

Federal Grand Jury U.S. Courthouse 1 Courthouse Way Boston, Massachusetts

Wednesday October 19, 2005

APPEARANCE: SETH P. BERMAN

Assistant U.S. Attorney

WITNESS: CHRISTOPHER A. GEARY

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PROCEEDINGS

(1:50 p.m.)

CHRISTOPHER A. GEARY, Sworn

EXAMINATION BY MR. BERMAN:

- Q Could you start by telling the Grand Jury your name and spelling it for the record?
- A My name is Chris Geary, G-e-a-r-y, and I'm a special agent with the FBI in the Boston Division.
 - Q How long have you been an FBI special agent?
- A I've been an FBI special agent for over the last six years, and I've been assigned to the Computer Crime Squad in the Boston Division.
 - Q For how long?
 - A Over six years.
- Q At some point in the course of your duties, were you involved in an investigation involving a man known as Oleksiy Sharapka?
- l A Yes.

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- Q Okay. Now can you tell the Grand Jury, based on your own investigation and your conversations with others, as well as your review of police reports and other agents and officers involved in this investigation, briefly describe what it was about, that investigation?
- A The investigation entailed actually a couple of different aspects. One was basically fraudulent ATM

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were looking at fraudulent ATM transactions out of a local bank. We became alerted to Mr. Sharapka from the Brockton Police Department and a United States Postal Inspection Service investigation that basically arrested Oleksiy Sharapka on receiving stolen property from these fraudulent internet purchases. And what they ---

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- Can you briefly describe that -- when did that Q arrest occur?
 - That arrest occurred November 5th, 2004. Α
- And can you describe sort of what led up to that arrest and what was found?
 - Α Sure. There was a woman from Massachusetts called

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the U.S. Postal Service Identity Theft Task Force stating that she noticed on her card that a -- I believe it was a computer, some electronic product was purchased on her card fraudulently and that it was being shipped to a particular address in Boston.

Q This woman's name was Deniss Bobrovski; is that right?

A I don't believe that that's the right name. I think that was the fake name that they had the product shipped to.

Q Oh, okay.

A Yeah. So the person's true -- the person whose card was used in this purchase called the identify task force, informed them that this computer equipment was being shipped to this address, the identity theft task force then is staked out or did surveillance on that address, noticed an individual came and picked up that product, they followed the individual, stopped him and asked him, you know, where did you get this, who sent you to pick this up? They advised that they were picking this product up for a Russian male. They didn't give his true name at that point. They decided to cooperate with the members of the identity theft task force.

- O By they, you mean the person who was stopped?
- A Yes. The individual who was stopped, agreed to

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cooperate, took a Boston PD Detective along with him when he dropped off the merchandise. Mr. Sharapka then exchanged, gave him an envelope filled with cash for return of picking up his stolen packages or his packages that were shipped to him from the stolen credit card purchases.

And shortly thereafter they, within minutes, a
Boston PD Detective and a U.S. Postal Service Investigator
approached Mr. Sharapka on the front porch of his residence,
advised that they wanted to talk to him. He said, you know,
could we please take this upstairs, and we can speak
upstairs. They proceeded to go upstairs with him. After
reading him his rights and everything like that, he
basically laid out that he was part of a reshipping scheme,
where he was the middleman accepting the shipments or the -yeah, the shipments of the merchandise that was purchased on
these fraudulent transactions.

Q Okay. I'm going to ask you to pause there.

So he said that, as the middleman, he had obtained from someone the identity information which includes the names, dates of birth, mothers' maiden's names, addresses social security cards, credit cards and bank account information of numerous people; is that right?

- A Yes, that's correct.
- Q And he obtained this information from someone in Russia or somewhere like that?

CHRISTOPHER A. GEARY - 10/19/05 Someone believed to be in Russia or other places. Α 1 2 He did most of his communication through the internet. 3 Okay. And that -- what did he say he did with all 4 this credit card and identity information? 5 Oh, the majority of what he did was he accepted 6 the packages. Someone else would place the orders and then 7 they would ship them to the mail drops that he established. Then he would package up the -- he would have either himself 8 9 or other individuals go pick up these packages and then he 10 would, again, reship them to someone who would then ship 11 them overseas. 12 And where presumably they would be sold or ---Q 13 Α Sold or -- yes, sold or put on eBay. 14 Q Okay. Now what about the bank account numbers? 15 Did he say anything that he did with bank account numbers? Α He advised that he had tried to ---16 17 Well, actually, let me rephrase the question more 18 broadly. Not just what he said. Based on your 19 investigation, have you learned what happened with the bank account numbers? 20 21

Α With the bank account numbers, when you typically -- to make an ATM transaction work, you really only need two pieces of information. You need the account number and the PIN number. So when the U.S. Postal Service Investigator and the Boston Police Department Detective went up to

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interview Sharapka in his residence, they found 59 white plastic cards, sort of like this one, which is basically a pass for parking, basically identical, just white plastic with a magnetic strip on the back.

- Q Okay. So it looks like a credit card, except it doesn't have any identifying information or numbers on it, and it just has a magnetic strip on the back?
 - A That is correct.
 - Q Okay.

- A And if you have the right equipment, you can actually encode the account number and PIN number and other data needed to make an ATM transaction. And in his possession he had 59 of them, which had 49 -- out of the 59 cards, 49 of them contained bank account information and PIN numbers on there.
- Q And did he say whether or not he may have attempted to use these bank cards?
- A Yeah. He said that he had attempted and I believe he did not recall whether he had received any moneys from them.
- Q Okay. And based on your investigation, did you learn whether or not anyone else used any of these bank cards to get money?
- A Yes. There were cards where fraudulent ATM transactions had been reported and the banks had reinstated

the money back into the victims' accounts.

Q So that was of those 49 cards, some of those had been used?

A Out of those 49, the banks, once an ATM or bank card number has been taken out of circulation, they delete all the data that goes with those cards. So out of those 49, the banks come back and could not provide us any information whether any of those had been used fraudulently. However, we had found over 350 other card numbers that he had on his laptop computer, and out of those 350, we found a few banks that still had information relevant to fraudulent ATM transactions being used, and one in particular had two ATM transactions in the Brighton/Allston area, which was right around where Mr. Sharapka lived.

Q Now, I want to focus on some specifics. During the course of your investigation, were you able to determine whether or not any shipments were made on or about August 24th, 2004?

A August 24th, 2004? Yes. There was a shipment that was sent from dell.com and it was for five digital cameras, and it was sent to an address care of Alexis Llanos, which is an alias that was used by Oleksiy Sharapka. The address was 198 Tremont Street, Suite 101 in Boston. The value of that shipment was approximately \$5,000.

Q Now, did you learn during the course of your

CHRISTOPHER A. GEARY - 10/19/05 10 investigation whether or not those digital cameras were 1 2 billed to somebody other than Mr. Sharapka? 3 What I have learned is that Dell, a credit account had been opened at Dell under someone else's name. 4 5 And that someone has the initials FWS; is that 6 right? 7 That's correct. Α And that -- so that person's social security 8 Q 9 number and other identity information was used by someone to open up an account there; is that right? 10 Dell has not responded back with that information 11 at this point. What I do know is that that package was 12 13. delivered and I have that from a printout of the DHL web 14 page that shows that it was delivered to this address that 15 was paid for by Alexis Llanos, the alias, but a license 16 provided showed that it was actually Oleksiy Sharapka, whose 17 picture was on the fake license. 18 Okay. So take a step back. Where is that 19 address? 20 That address ---Α 21 What is it? Q 22 Α It's a Mail Boxes Etc. 23 Q Okay. And so despite having a suite number, it's 24 really a mailbox, right? 25 That is correct. Α

Oh, just to clarify. On the August 24th, that was shipped on Airborne Express; is that right, the previous package we were talking about?

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Airborne Express, DHL, they're the actual Yes. same company.

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Q Yeah. So, now on October 18th, 2004, there was also a package shipped?

A Yes. There was a package from neimanmarcus.com that was shipped.

- Q And that was purchased using the credit card information of someone with the initials AD; is that right?
 - A That is correct. Yes.
 - Q And what was shipped, do you know?
- A It was multiple -- there was actually two, two shipments to that address, but on this particular date, two shearling jackets and pair of black leather boots, totaling \$2,800, approximately, were sent to an address in Allston, Massachusetts.
 - Q Okay. And what's that address?
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- O And what's at that address?
 - A Actually, that address, I believe, is an apartment building.
 - Q How do you know or have you in the course of your investigation been able to connect that address to Oleksiy Sharapka?
 - A Oh -- yeah.
- Q Or that shipment?
- 24 A That shipment. Let's see.

25 (Pause.)

I know that on his computer he had the person's 1 Α 2 initials AD. He had their personal information on his 3 laptop there. And, also, I'm trying to find a copy of an order or a document that showed that -- that showed that the 4 order -- he was expecting that order. 5 In other words, there was an e-mail on his 6 computer or some other document showing that he was 7 expecting to receive this item? 8 Yes. Yes. 9 Α Okay. Now on October 22nd of 2004, there was 10 0 11 another shipment on that day; is that right? 12 Α Yes. And what was that? 13 That was amazon.com and that was a camcorder, a 14 15 camcorder accessory kit, and Canon mini DVD camcorder, and that totaled approximately \$480. 16 Okay. And that was shipped via UPS; is that 17 0 18 right? 19 Yes. That's correct Α 20 0 And where was that shipped to? That was shipped to Alexis Llanos, 21 Α 22 1085 Commonwealth Avenue, Suite 169, in Boston, Massachusetts. 23

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Is that another Mail Boxes Etc?

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14 1 Q And were you able to obtain from that Mail Boxes Etc the information of who opened that mailbox? 2 3 Α And, again, it was Alexis Llanos with a fake ID, bearing his picture. 4 5 Okay. And that was -- that item was billed to 6 someone with the initials WM; is that right? 7 Α That's correct. An amazon.com representative advised that -- actually, an American Express investigator 8 9 advised that the purchase on that card had been refunded back to amazon.com ---10 11 Q Okay. 12 --- as a result of the fraud. Α Okay. Now what about on November 2nd, 2004, was 13 14 there a purchase on that day? There was a purchase from hbshopping.com for 15 \mathbf{A} Yes. 16 a PhotoSmart digital camera and it was billed to a person with the initials R. Brode in Massachusetts. And, again, 17 18 this shipment was shipped to Alexis Llanos at 276 Washington 19 Street, No. 194, in Boston, Massachusetts. 20 That was shipped via FedEx? Q Yes. That's correct. 21 Α 22 Q And were you able -- is that a Mail Boxes Etc? 23 That's correct. Yes. And, again, he used a Α

license bearing his picture to open that Mail Boxes Etc.

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Q Okay. And finally, also, on November 4th, 2004,

CHRISTOPHER A. GEARY - 10/19/05 15 1 was there a shipment on that day? 2 Α Yes. 3 And what was that? That was shipped via UPS from amazon.com and it 4 5 was a Sony mini DVD Camcorder, and it was billed to a person 6 with the initials GLS. 7 0 Okay. And where was that shipped to? 8 Α Again, to Alexis Llanos at 276 Washington Street, 9 No. 194, in Boston, Massachusetts. 10 That's the same Mail Boxes Etc as in the 11 previous 12 Α That's correct. Yes. 13 Okay. Now, on November 5th, 2004, you had said 14 that the Boston Police and the Postal Inspection Service and 15 others on or about that date conducted a search of 16 Mr. Sharapka's residence; is that right? 17 Α That is correct. Yes. And during the course of that search, did 18 Okay. they turn up any false identification documents? 19 20 Yes, they did. They found numerous fake driver's Α 21 licenses and credit cards issued in these fake names that 22 were used on the driver's licenses. When you say fake driver's licenses, what do you 23 Q mean? 24 25 Α Driver's licenses that showed pictures of Oleksiy

CHRISTOPHER A. GEARY - 10/19/05 16 Sharapka under different names. Okay. Were there more than five of them? 2 Q Yes, there were. Α 3 4 Q How many, do you know? I believe there were over twelve total, near Α 5 I have copies of some of them. 6 fifteen. 7 O Okay. We can show some of them to the Grand Jurors. 8 9 (Pause.) MR. BERMAN: Okay, I'll have this marked as Grand 10 11 Jury Exhibit No. 1. 12 (Grand Jury Exhibit No. 1 marked.) BY MR. BERMAN: Just as an example I'm showing you 13 Q Grand Jury Exhibit No. 1. Can you state what is this? 14 This is a photocopy of multiple driver's licenses 15 Α that were found in Oleksiy Sharapka's apartment. 16 And not all -- there are on that page ---17 0 18 Α Twelve. --- twelve driver's licenses. Not all those 19 licenses have his picture on it, right? 20 That is correct. 21 Α But some of them do? 22 0 23 Some of them do, yes. Α Okay. And none of them are in the name of Oleksiy 24 0 25 Sharapka, right?

A None of them are under that name.

Q Okay. The ones that don't have his picture on them have somebody else's picture. Have you been able to determine whether or not those are real licenses?

A No, we have not.

Q Okay. Now on that same date, November 5th, 2004, and on subsequent days, as we said, there was a search of items in his house and his computer. During that search, do you know whether or not any access devices, meaning credit card numbers, bank account numbers, social security numbers, particularly let's say credit cards and bank account numbers, were any of those found during the course of that search?

A Yes. There were numerous bank account numbers, numerous credit card information, along with personal identification information, including on some individuals it would have date of birth, social security account number, mother's maiden name and address for these individuals.

Q Okay. Did you find, among other things, during the course of these searches, the credit reports of individuals?

A Yes. I believe we found fifteen credit reports of other individuals, yes.

Q And at least some of these access devices and identities, were they used for the purpose of committing a

fraud, based on your investigation?

A Yes.

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Q And the fraud was the mail fraud that we had talked about earlier?

A Yes. There was numerous shipments to different addresses that Oleksiy Sharapka was, I'll say, in charge of.

Q Okay. Now did you find any equipment used to make access devices during the course of these searched?

Α Yes. When the U.S. Postal Service Investigator and the Boston PD Detective went into his residence with Mr. Sharapka, after Mr. Sharapka signed a consent to search, they found numerous boxes of this type of merchandise, electronic equipment, clothing and things like that, but they also found a laptop computer that also had a device connected to it. The device is a magnetic card read writer and if connected to your computer, along with the appropriate software, which after a computer forensic exam was done on the laptop, identified that the software, to be able to read and write onto these magnetic striped cards was all present, so that, you know, if he had a blank card, which he did, or if he had the white plastic cards with the magnetic stripes on the back, he can read them and he can also write to them.

Q Okay. Now I should clarify. I've asked whether you found several things several times, but actually you

Filed 12/22/2005 Page 19 of 25 CHRISTOPHER A. GEARY - 10/19/05 19 weren't present, right? 1 2 I was not present on the search. You know this from the other officers who were 3 present, right? 4 5 Α That's correct. Yes. Sorry, it was my misstatement. 6 7 Now during the course of this search, did you also 8 find identity information, specifically regarding name and 9 social security number, of someone by the name of Alexis Llanos? 10 11 Α Yes. Yes, we found a file on his computer that showed basically all the identifying information for Alexis 12 Llanos, including his mother's maiden name. 13 14 Okay. And you also found a license you've already said that had Alexis Llanos' information, some information 15 about Alexis Llanos and Alexis Llanos' picture; is that 16 right? 17 That is correct. Yes. 18 Α 19 Did you find any such thing or you or the other 20 law enforcement officers involved relating to Andrew 21 Schwamkoff?

The same file also contained information for Andrew J. -- it was actually Schwankoff, as opposed to m, S-c-h-w-a-n-k-o-f-f. And, again, this included name, social security account number, driver's license number, driver's

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Page 20 of 25 CHRISTOPHER A. GEARY - 10/19/05 1 license state, mother's maiden name, address, daytime and 2 nighttime phone numbers. 3 In addition to that, was any merchandise Q found in the house? 4 5 Yes. Numerous boxes of laptops and computers were 6 found in the residence and other investigators have 7 contacted some of the on-line merchants and determined that 8 these were fraudulent purchases. 9 GRAND JUROR: Had the original shipment labels? 10 THE WITNESS: Yes. 11 Q BY MR. BERMAN: Were they opened or unopened? 12 Both. Some were open, some weren't. Α Yeah, so 13 they were both open and unopen. 14 Okay. In total, have you been able to determine

whether or not -- as a result of the merchandise you've been able to tie to fraudulent purchases or sales by Mr. Sharapka totaled more than \$400,000?

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If you count everything involved -- looking here, Α and this is only a partial count of everything. inventory that was taken from his residence on that day, we've calculated to be approximately \$88,000. A partial count of the transactions that he had records of on his laptop computer through different text files, again, this is partial approach or approximately \$280,000. I have it at 279,000 and a couple of hundred dollars at this point, which

why. He wasn't present.

GRAND JUROR: Right.

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MR. BERMAN: And I'm not sure he can testify about why Mr. Sharapka would or wouldn't do something.

> GRAND JUROR: Okay.

22 1 MR. BERMAN: Okay. GRAND JUROR: Fine. 2 THE WITNESS: The one part that we can add, that 3 during the interview on that day, he did basically confess 4 5 to that and say that he was the middleman in this fraud ring. And then an agent and another task force officer from 6 7 our office interviewed him, I believe it was two days later, 8 and again he confessed that he was the middleman in this sort of fraud ring. 9 GRAND JUROR: If he's the middleman, have you been 10 11 able to identify anyone above him? THE WITNESS: On this here? 12 MR. BERMAN: Can you answer that? 13 14 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I can answer that. No, he's not been cooperative in assisting us. 15 (Laughter.) 16 17 MR. BERMAN: That wasn't the answer. (Laughter.) 18 19 MR. BERMAN: Whether he's cooperative or not, obviously, is not something you should take into account 20 when determining whether or not you think he's quilty or 21 22 whether there's probable cause here. BY MR. BERMAN: The individuals that we think may 23 0 have been involved, do you have any idea what country 24

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they're in?

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| 1 | A Yeah. Individuals who are involved, more than |
| 2 | likely, are overseas in Russia or other Eastern European |
| 3 | Countries. |
| 4 | GRAND JUROR: Have you been able to track any |
| 5 | shipments out of the country, not necessarily who received |
| 6 | them, because you don't know who that is, but in shipments? |
| 7 | THE WITNESS: That's still being worked on. |
| .8 | GRAND JUROR: Okay. Fair enough. |
| 9 | GRAND JUROR: What percentage of the transactions |
| LO | did he receive? |
| L1 | THE WITNESS: It varied, but I've seen some notes |
| .2 | that showed 25 percent. |
| L3 | MR. BERMAN: Okay. |
| 4 | GRAND JUROR: Now those cards, are those easily |
| .5 | available to any Joe? Those white cards you showed for |
| .6 | parking, I mean, all you need is a device. I mean, are you |
| 7 | able to track down where he's getting his supplies? |
| .8 | THE WITNESS: Those the cards are actually I |
| .9 | mean, anybody can buy the cards. |
| 20 | GRAND JUROR: That's what I wondered. |
| 21 | THE WITNESS: Yeah. They are free I mean, |
| 22 | anyone can buy them. They're not illegal, but they're |
| 3 | illegal to have if you have someone else's account number |
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GRAND JUROR: So you can get those right out of

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               THE WITNESS: I'm not sure about OfficeMax, but I
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               GRAND JUROR: So you're not going to tell us how
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               THE WITNESS: Yeah.
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               MR. BERMAN: You can try Googling it.
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               GRAND JUROR: There you go.
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               MR. BERMAN: Any other questions?
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               THE WITNESS: Thank you.
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